

POVERTY'S TEARS

EBB AND FLOW.

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Oh, nature she gives us the snow and the rain,
The piercing cold wind and the dew;
Misfortune she gives us both sorrow and pain,
To the many and not to the few.
The years come and go, old time moves along,
Still hearing his burden of woe;
For ever and ever 'twill be the same song,
While poverty's tears ebb and flow.

CHORUS.

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Ye fathers and mothers, ye sisters and sons,
Remember that God made us all;
Ye rich help the poor and the weak little ones,
Go and answer sweet charity's call.
For life's but a span on time's endless road,
Good deeds inculcated will grow;
Go help the afflicted and lighten their load,
While poverty's tears ebb and flow.

For ever and ever, &c.

Oh, pause in your pleasures, ye wealthy and grand
Remember that hunger's abroad;
Oh, turn to the needy and stretch forth a hand,
Oh, now listen to sympathy's chord.
Its sweet, holy strain encircles the soul,
Of the ragged the fallen and low;
So pause in your pleasures, seek charity's goal,
When poverty's tears ebb and flow.

For ever and ever, &c.

The wine cup it's laden with sin and deceit.
Be careful, my friends, bow you quaff;
While merry and jolly its bitter is sweet,
There's a deep bidden sting in its laugh.
Oh, man is a fool when drink rides the mind,
Not knowing a friend from a foe;
Believing and trusting, he falls on behind,
When poverty's tears ebb and flow.

For ever and ever, &c.

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